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The reply filed on November 4, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Claims 1, 40 and dependents 2, 3, 8, 9, 18-22, 27, 28, 34, 42-45, 47-49 and 51 have been amended so that they no longer read on the elected specie of 5B. The addition of "unrestricted motion control independent of the others" to claims 1 and 40 is not supported by the detailed disclosure of the figure 5B. First of all, guides 220 and 222 restrict radial movement. Secondly, the speed of the arm upstream and/or downstream from the selected arm can restrict the motion of the selected arm. Furthermore, claim 40 has the language "the robotic arms extending radially from a hub" and "the drive system commonly drives the three robotic arms" and "the arms remain evenly spaced ... when the arms are coupled" none of which is supported by the disclosure of Figure 5B. Since none of the existing claims is readable of the elected species of Figure 5B, the response is non-responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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